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SUBJ: US DEL TO YUGOSLAVIA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY VICTORY
CELEBRATION

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1. SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF WORKING PEOPLES OF YUGOSLAVIA (SAWPY)
REPRESENTATIVE MILOS DJUKIC INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 5 THAT
OFFICIAL EVENTS IN WHICH US DEL WOULD PARTICIPATE (ALL ON
MAY 9) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

0900 PARADE - DELS OF FOUR ALLIED POWERS WILL BE IN
HONOR REVIEWING STAND.

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1200 WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT TOMB OF UNKOWNS

ON MT. AVALA (CLASS A GREEN UNIFORM FOR BOTH EVENTS)
2000 RECEPTION HOSTED BY YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT
(MESS BLUE UNIFORM)

2. RE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY, DJUKIC ASKED WHETHER US DEL
WOULD WISH TO LAY WREATH. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION HE SAID
SOVIET DEL WOULD DO SO, AND HE THOUGHT ALSO BRITISH, BUT
THEY HAD NO RESPONSE FROM FRENCH. WE SAID THEY COULD ASSUME
US DEL WOULD WISH TO LAY WREATH. PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. DJUKIC SAID IT WAS ENTIRELY UP TO AMERICAN SIDE WHETHER
CHARGE MILLER PARTICIPATES WITH US DEL IN ANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES.
WE RESPONDED MILLER PROBABLY WOULD WISH TO JOIN DELIN WREATH CEREMONY
; BUT THAT
HE WOULD REMAIN WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS FOR PARADE. PLEASE
CONFIRM WITH CONGRESSMAN BLATNIK THAT THIS IS AGREEABLE.

4. SINCE ALL FESTIVITIES ARE ON MAY 9, DJUKIC SAID MAY 8
ARRIVAL AND MAY 10 DEPARTURE FOR GENERAL BUCKINGHAM WOULD
MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS. HE SAID YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WASHINGTON
HAD INFORMED THAT CONGRESSMAN BLATNIK WOULD ARRIVE MAY 7.
DJUKIC ASKED TO BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ARRIVAL
TIMES OF BOTH.

5. US DEL WILL BE GUEST OF YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL
PROVIDE HOUSING--PROBABLY IN GOY GUEST HOUSE, TRANSPORTATION,
AND ANY NEEDED INTERPRETING AND ESCORT. EMBASSY CONTROL
OFFICER IS POLITICAL COUNSELOR DONALD C. TICE, WHO WILL
MEET AT ARRIVAL AND ARRANGE ANY NEEDED EMBASSY SUPPORT.

6. DJUKIC SAID CONGRESMAN BLATNIK HAD ASKED ALSO TO HAVE
MEETINGS ARRANGED WITH VETERANS' ORGANIZATION SUBNOR,
AND WITH MATICA ISELJENIKA AND THAT SAWPY WOULD GO AHEAD
WITH THESE. HOWEVER, IN SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CALL FOREIGN
SECRETARIAT PROTOCOL OFFICE ASKED TO BE INFORMED URGENTLY WHAT
ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS CONGRESSMAN BLATNIK MIGHT WISH AND HOW LONG
HE WOULD BE IN BELGRADE. WE SAID WE WOULD REQUEST THIS INFO-
RMATION URGENTLY.

7. YUGOSLAVS NEVER MENTIONED QUESTION OF WIVES, AND ONLY
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ONE OF PROGRAM EVENTS (RECEPTION IN EVENING) WOULD INCLUDE
LADIES. THEREFORE UNLESS GENERAL BUCKINGHAM PARTICULARLY
WISHES TO BRING HIS WIFE WE WOULD SEE NO NECESSITY FOR IT.

8. RE OTHER ALLIED DELEGATIONS, DJUKIC SAID SOVIETS SENDING
"VERY POWERFUL" DELEGATION HEADED BY FIRST DEPUTY COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN AND POLITBUREAU MEMBER MAZUROV.
BRITISH DEL IS "90 PERCENT SURE" (PER BRITISH EMBASSY) TO BE

HEADED BY LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS, PARLIMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY,
AND TO INCLUDE FITZROY MCLEAN AND WILLIAM DEAKIN. FRENCH WILL
SEND TWO HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS (NON-ACTIVE DUTY)
BUT COULD NOT PROVIDE US WITH THE NAMES.
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